

**NEARLY 60 YEARS AGO: Big Story in Columbia and Boone County**  
Oct. 20, 1908, as it appeared in the Vol. 1, No. 27, University Missourian, was the robbery in Ashland, and the fire which followed, destroying much of the business section. But this and "an auto break down" did not prevent Sen. William Stone from appearing on the scene to predict the rebuilding of "a new Ashland"—better than before.

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## STONE SPEAKS IN FIRE-SWEPT TOWN

Senator Talks From Top of  
Old Stove Behind the  
School House.

### AUTO BREAKS ON WAY HERE

At Airdome in Columbia He  
Says Folk Should Have  
Waited.

#### "OF COURSE YOU CAN TEACH JOURNALISM," SAYS STONE

At the close of Senator Stone's address at the Airdome last night a reporter for the University Missourian asked him his opinion of the School of Journalism at the University.

"I think it's a fine thing," he said. "Of course you can teach journalism. There is a very broad field for a school training for journalism. If the intention is to teach 'yellow journalism,' I would advise that the school be abolished, for the standard of ethics in journalism should be very high."

Despite the fact that the town of Ashland burned Sunday morning, the citizens of the community were out to hear Senator William J. Stone, who spoke there yesterday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for re-election. The Senator mounted an old stove behind the schoolhouse and addressed the crowd in the open air.

The speech was to have been delivered in the opera house, but this hall was destroyed in the fire. It was then arranged to hold the meeting in the Christian church, but owing to the large number of persons wishing to hear the Senator, it was decided to hold an open-air meeting.

Senator Stone was introduced by the Rev. J. T. Johnston, of St. Louis, who was a heavy loser in the fire and who was looking after his interests there yesterday. The Senator expressed sympathy for the people in the loss they had sustained and predicted a new Ashland that would far surpass the old one.

#### Automobile Breaks Down.

The automobile in which Senator Stone was coming to Columbia broke down about five miles out of town and the party borrowed a rig from a farmer to reach Columbia, where Senator Stone addressed the democrats of Boone county last night. He was advertised to speak at 7:30 o'clock, but the crowd waited good-naturedly until 8 o'clock, when he was introduced by J. H. Reed. "Gov. Folk should have waited two years longer to contest for Senator Warner's seat in the Senate," declared Senator Stone. "It is exasperating that I should have to appear before the Democrats of Missouri and defend myself against attacks made upon me to defeat my re-election."

The Senator spoke briefly on national politics. He blamed the Republican party for the recent panic, which he declared was the worst in the history of this country. He eulogized Mr. Bryan and predicted his election.

#### Sees no Reason to "Ditch" Him.

He reviewed his party and official record and said he could find no reason why the Democrats should "ditch" him in his old age. Speaking of the recent panic, the Senator said it was the first time that soup houses had to be established in Missouri. He gave the chairman of the meeting a ticket of admission to a soup house that was run in Springfield, Mo., and asked the chairman to present it with his compliments to the leading Republican of Columbia.

Senator Stone said he wanted no votes from Republicans unless they voted the entire Democratic ticket. He was frequently applauded.

#### Billet to Appeal to Roosevelt.

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 20.—Friends of Herman Billet the condemned murderer, announced today that they intend to appeal to President Roosevelt to save his life. Father O'Callaghan, the priest who befriended Billet, intends to seek a pardon from Gov. Deneen, and if this fails he will petition President Roosevelt.

#### Juniors to Give Reception.

The Junior Academic students of the University of Missouri will give the Freshman Academic students a reception in Academic Hall Saturday night. This is the annual reception of the Juniors to the Freshmen.

## FINE WEATHER FOR FOOTBALL ELEVEN IS NEXT ON THE CARDS

Showers and Cooler is the Pleasant  
Message in Official Forecast  
Here.

Straw ballots show which way the wind blows—it's lucky today that straw hats have been laid aside.

Fine football weather is promised next.

The official forecast: "Tonight and Wednesday showers and cooler."

The minimum temperature was 66 degrees at 2 a. m. and the maximum 78 at 2 p. m. The rainfall for the last twenty-four hours was .02 inch.

## SIR GILZEAN READ PRAISES MISSOURIAN

Head of British Journalists Commends  
Work of School Here.

Sir Hugh Gilzean-Read, first president of the British Institute of Journalists, writes to the Department of Journalism:

"I have just received a copy of the University Missourian and perused it from beginning to end. Let me as an old journalistic hand say that it is a highly creditable production, in type, style, matter and spirit, thoroughly up-to-date.

"It cannot fail to be successful. It will show the University doing, voice its aspirations and make known its needs, all this, with a bird's-eye view of the wider world, while in training for journalism it will indeed make, indeed has made, a varied and very interesting newspaper."

## PRESIDENT WANTS FOUR BATTLESHIPS A YEAR

May Ask Next Congress for Six—Two  
Not Enough.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—President Roosevelt has been telling visitors to the White House that he intends to renew his fight in the coming Congress for an increase in the Navy, of four battleships a year. He also intends to fight for more cruisers and torpedo boats.

He believes that the two battleships a year, ordered by the last Congress, is insufficient. The Navy board is backing President Roosevelt in his agitation for a larger Navy. The President in his annual message will certainly ask for four battleships a year, and possibly six. Senator Beveridge will lead the fight in the Senate and Congressman Holman in the lower house.

## SENIORS TO PLAY "SOPHS"

Second Inter-Class Game Takes Place  
This Afternoon.

The second game of the Class Team series will be played this afternoon by the Seniors and Sophomores. The Seniors now have a full team and it includes some former Varsity players, among whom are Roberts and Aline, were on last year's team.

To date only two Juniors have reported for their class team. If the Juniors continue in their indifference towards class football it is possible that there won't be a class game.

## TO TEACH AERONAUTICS

Course in Columbia University Begins  
With One Student.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Not the least significant of the developments in aeronautics is the announcement today that a course in the new science of navigating the air was a recent addition to the curriculum of Columbia University. The start was made with a single student, Grover Cleveland Looming who received his A. B. from Columbia last June.

## Confidence Needed, Says Taft.

By United Press.  
MOUNTAINSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 20.—William H. Taft delivered a dozen addresses in West Virginia this week. He said the present depression was felt most in the West, it being dependent upon agriculture. He said the country needs restored confidence, which is impossible before the election.

## Wind Wrecks Caboose; 6 Dead.

LONE TREE, Wyo., Oct. 20.—Six men were killed and thirty injured today in the most peculiar wreck ever recorded here. The wind lifted a moving caboose full of men from the tracks and dropped it over a thirty foot embankment.

## High School Loses, 50 to 0.

The Kemper Military Academy football team defeated the Teachers College High School team at Booneville yesterday by a score of 50 to 0.

## FRESHMEN GIRLS WHO PAINTED BACKSTOP; SNAPSHOT OF SCENE



HERE are pictures of the seven Freshman girls of the University of Missouri who asserted on the backstop on Rollins Field that traditional right of women—the last word. In the picture at the top they agreed to face the camera for the University Missourian, while at the bottom they are shown busily at work painting the slogan of the Freshman girls, "Co-eds, '12."

It was good painting, too, as all who attended the game on Rollins Field Saturday will testify. The letters are in yellow on a black background, replacing the green sign which the Engineers painted after a scrimmage with the Academic students.

## BURN ON ARM MAY HELP IDENTIFY MRS. VANTINE

Plaintiff in Famous Will Case Scores Point When  
Judge Bradley Rules Family Records Must  
Be Produced in Court.

A burn on the arm of John Butler's first wife may fix the identity of Mrs. Samuel Vantine, now suing in the circuit court here for one-sixth his estate.

She expects to introduce witnesses to show that the mysterious woman who gave her up in her childhood had such a burn.

Trial of the suit began yesterday, and Judge Bradley, of Warrensburg, who is hearing it, ruled against a jury.

To Produce Family Record.

The plaintiff scored a point this morning when the court upheld the subpoena to have the Butler family record brought into court. The defense held that since Mrs. John Butler was a Catholic, this record was sacred and should not be produced in court. Judge Bradley, however, upheld the other side and a jury was sent after the record.

The most important testimony this morning was that of Mrs. Mary Thompson, who said that she had seen the burn on Mrs. Butler's arm, and that of Mrs. E. J. Mills, who described the scar seen on the supposed Mrs. Butler's arm when she was at the Wyman home in Paris, just before leaving there the child which was later adopted by the Wetmores and married Samuel Vantine.

One of the strong points of proof he said would be a burn which "Mrs. Butler" received on her arm while living with Mr. Butler. He said one of the witnesses in court had treated her arm and others had seen the scar while she was at Paris. This, if proved, will connect the woman whose child was born at Sturgeon with the real Mrs. Butler.

## Denial by Defense.

The defense made an absolute denial. There was some discussion as to whether the words of the supposed Mrs. Butler to the witnesses should be ruled out as hearsay evidence. Judge Bradley withheld his ruling until later.

The first important witness was E. S. Hawkins, who testified that he had known both Mr. and Mrs. Butler, as the former had worked for him, and that he had helped to carry a sick woman in from the branch whom he knew to be Mrs. Butler. He said that he had seen the child soon after it was born and that Annie Butler, a daughter of John Butler, had told him she knew

she had another sister living in Monroe county.

## Saw Bruises on Woman.

Sarah K. Hawkins testified that Mrs. Butler had shown her the bruises received from a beating which Mr. Butler had given her. She said Butler had told her that he had knocked his wife down and that the separation had followed. She testified that after Mrs. Butler left her husband she and the child stopped at Mrs. Hawkins' house. She was not allowed to tell anything that Mrs. Butler had said to her.

The attorneys for the plaintiff are Gillespie & Conley, C. J. Walker and W. H. Rothwell. The defense is represented by E. W. Hinton, J. P. Boyd and L. M. Switzer.

## ROOSEVELT WON'T SEE AUSTRALIA AFTER HUNT

But He Hopes Some Time to Visit Giant  
Young Commonwealth.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 20.—Premier Deakin presented to the House of Representatives today President Roosevelt's reply to Australia's invitation to visit the Commonwealth on his return from Africa.

Mr. Roosevelt expresses appreciation of the courteous invitation, especially in view of the hospitality recently extended to the American battleship fleet everywhere in Australia, and regrets that he will be unable to visit Australia on his way back from his hunting expedition, though he hopes some time to come to "the giant young commonwealth of the Southern seas, whose success is of the greatest importance to the civilized world."

## Special Seats for Dr. Hill.

The committee on public entertainments of the University of Missouri at its last meeting set aside half a dozen seats in the auditorium for the use of President and Mrs. Hill and their guests.

The action of the committee was the result of a request from the Glee Club, Cadet Band, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and Phi Nu Alpha fraternity, a new musical organization.

## OVERCONFIDENCE IS FATAL, SAYS COACH

Game With Iowa Showed  
Monilaw Where Tigers  
Are Weak.

### AMES WILL GIVE HARD TUSSLE

Changes Are Necessary to  
Block Gains by Forward  
Pass.

Saturday's victory over the Hawkeyes, while pleasing to Coach Monilaw, has not served to inspire him with overconfidence, but has shown him the weak spots in the Tiger's play. Coach Monilaw said today to a reporter for the University Missourian:

"While I was extremely well pleased with the result of Saturday's game, which was won by the speed, determination and individual playing of our fellows, still I could see several weaknesses which might bring disaster in the near future. In the first place, our defense was 'way in advance of our offense.

"Even with our defense so masterful as it seemed, there was a weak spot in the defense of forward pass. This weak spot was not due to any fault of the players, but to the general system. Iowa and Rolla both showed us this weak spot and I have already made the necessary changes in order to stop the forward pass.

### Fault in Offensive Work.

"The second glaring fault of the team was in its offensive playing. Our line on defense charged powerfully and hard but when they were on the offense they failed to get the jump on their opponents, with the result that there was a small chance for the back field to get through. The Tiger backs are still slow and weak on running ends. There was some confusion in the signals and in lining up speedily.

"These four defects are to be taken up this week and next, and rehearsed time and time again, until each man will hereafter make few mistakes.

"In next Saturday's game only one or two regulars will start the game, but we shall use the second team almost exclusively, and I will depend upon the men of that team to do their full duty.

### Ames Game to be Hard.

"What do I think of our chances against Ames? I look for the Ames game to be as hard as the game with Iowa if not harder. I am much worried over our prospects against Ames. I think that I have reasons to be scared. Two weeks ago last Saturday, Ames went up to Minnesota and played a remarkable clever game, after which they became pretty well satisfied with themselves, with the resulting slump at Cornell College.

"A week ago Saturday Iowa beat Coe 92 to 0 and the Iowa men in turn began to think they were pretty clever football players, and they came to Missouri looking for an easy game. I have it figured out that our fellows are just as human as the men at Ames and Iowa. I class myself with our fellows in this particularly. There is a great temptation to over-rate ourselves and to be inclined to take things easy.

"Ames is coming down to Missouri with more fight than ever and they are going to show our men a merry clip. I for one am not going to be caught napping and every day expect to pound notions in the boys that only hard work, fine physical condition and absence of over-confidence can possibly beat Ames' team."

## ONE KILLED, 71 HURT IN STREET CAR CRASH

Prominent Kansas Cityans Injured by  
Runaway Trolley.

By United Press.  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 20.—A runaway street car dashed down a steep hill here yesterday causing the wreck of three cars, killing I. P. Smith and injuring 71, including twenty-four prominent residents.

The brakes broke while the car was ascending the Troost avenue hill. It dashed backward and struck another car and the two continued down the hill until they struck a third car. Smith was caught in the crash.

Among the injured are: W. P. Boland, Democratic candidate for congress; Denton Dimm, Republican candidate for judge; Mortimer Platt, broker, and Frank Sebree, lawyer.

## TWO MEN SOUGHT AS SAFE-BLOWERS; TOWN TO REBUILD

Strangers Inquired Way to  
Ashland and Boat Was  
Stolen at Wilton on the  
Missouri River.

TEMPORARY BANK WILL BE  
ERECTED AROUND OLD VAULT

Mercantile Company Loses  
Record of Outstanding  
Accounts for \$6,000.

Two strangers who ate supper at a farm house several miles south of Ashland Saturday evening are being sought as the burglars who, in cracking the safe in the Trade Center store, started the fire that wrecked the business section of the town early Sunday morning.

Two men who are believed to be the same, walking toward town Saturday evening, inquired the way to Ashland at several farm houses. The same night a boat was stolen at Wilton, a small town on the Missouri river near Ashland. All the neighboring towns were reached by telephone Sunday morning after the fire and are on the lookout for the cracksmen.

### Burglars Did Poor Job.

The safe-blowing was evidently the work of amateurs. The hole bored in the safe showed a poor job and looked as if it had been done with inferior tools. It is presumed that the burglars entered with keys, for when the first persons arrived at the fire they tried the door and found the keyhole had been plugged.

A paper was circulated in Ashland yesterday to raise money for a reward for the capture of the robbers. In a few hours \$260 was raised, and it was thought the amount would reach \$500.

Although the fire destroyed almost all the business houses in Ashland, remarkable enterprise is being shown by the business men there. The bank opened at the usual time yesterday morning with as much cash on hand as is generally carried. The Rev. J. T. Johnston, president of the bank, brought the money from Muskogee, Okla.

The Bass-Johnston Banking Co. made arrangements yesterday for the erection of a new building, the work to begin immediately. The vault in the old building is still too hot to open, but when it is opened a temporary frame structure will be built, around it and the bank will use this until the new building is completed.

### Bank's Books Believed Safe.

S. R. Hazell, cashier of the bank, said: "I think all of the books of the bank are all right. The vault has not been tried yet, but I think when it cools off the combination will work and we will have no trouble in opening it. The mercantile company, which is owned mainly by the stockholders of the bank, lost all record of its outstanding accounts, which amounted to about \$8,000. A large part of these will be paid voluntarily."

J. L. Wilcox, editor of the Ashland Bugle, said: "The town will soon be rebuilt. The action taken by the Bass-Johnston Co. will be followed by the other business men. I will put in a new plant just as soon as I can get a location. In intent making arrangements to print the Bugle in some of the neighboring offices until I can equip a new one."

### Losses in Fire.

A revised estimate of the losses follows: Bass-Johnston Banking Co., loss on building, \$5,500; Bass-Johnston Mercantile Co., general merchandise and accounts, \$32,000; Clark and Hamilton, building \$2,400; Estes & Hamilton, general merchandise, \$9,500; J. L. Wilcox, the Bugle and subscription list, \$2,000; Eli Penner, building, \$1,500; John B. Sapp, building, \$2,400; Claypool Bros., implements, \$5,000; opera house, \$1,500; Crump & Dunn, general merchandise, \$3,500; W. P. Old, building, \$2,500; W. E. Crump, groceries, \$1,500; Dr. P. T. Christian, building and drugs, \$2,500; Miss Lulu Drake, residence, \$500.

The Bass-Johnston companies had \$3,000 insurance on their building and \$14,000 on the merchandise. Some of the other firms carried insurance, but several persons, having no insurance, suffered total losses.